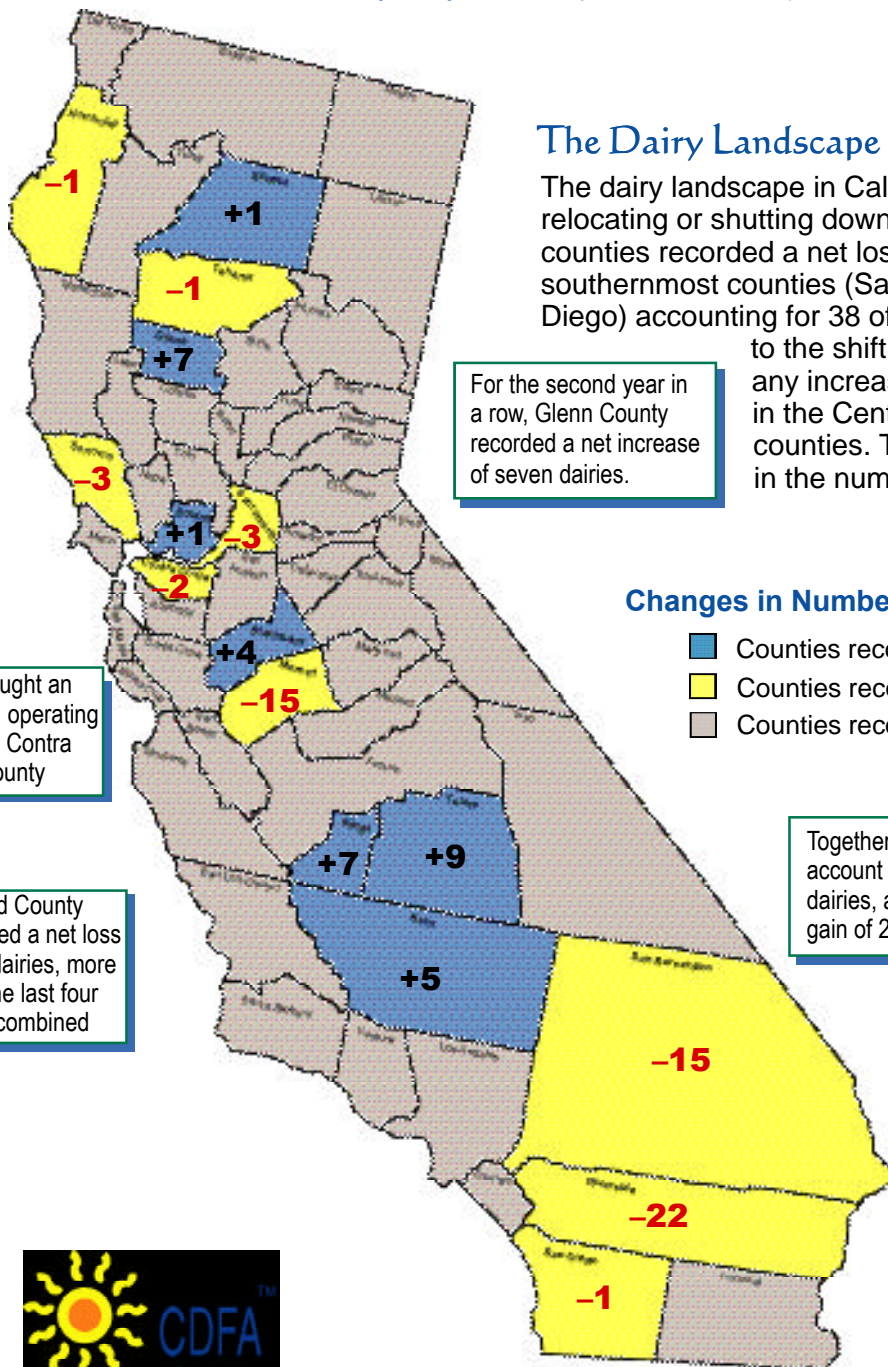


# California

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# Dairy Information

### *The Changing Dairy Landscape in California . . .*



### The Dairy Landscape Shift Continues . . .

The dairy landscape in California is changing, dairies are relocating or shutting down at an increasing rate. In 2003, nine counties recorded a net loss of 63 dairies with the three southernmost counties (San Bernardino, Riverside, and San Diego) accounting for 38 of those dairies, possibly contributing to the shift in dairy growth to the north. Thus, any increases in dairy operations were recorded in the Central and Northern California valley counties. The numbers represent the changes in the number of dairies in 2003.

For the second year in a row, Glenn County recorded a net increase of seven dairies.

### Changes in Number of Dairies, 2002 to 2003:

- Counties recording an increase
- Counties recording a decrease
- Counties recording no change

2003 brought an end to all operating dairies in Contra Costa County

Merced County recorded a net loss of 15 dairies, more than the last four years combined

Together, these three counties account for 25% of the state's dairies, and they recorded a net gain of 21 dairies in 2003.

Combined, these three counties recorded a net loss of 13% of their dairies in 2003.



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